(a) whether it is a fact that the clearance of lime and other perishable goods is affected by the discontinuance of Bombay-Madras Janata Express and the same facility is not available with the fast moving train which has been introduced and which has no halting facilities at railway junctions like the Prodedatur, Kondapuram and Yeragundla stations; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to restore this facility for the transport of these fruits which are grown in the said area?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Lime and other perishable traffic will be cleared by the Parcel Van (VP) in No. 30 Tirupati-Hyderabad-Rayalaseema Express from Tirupati/Renigunta to Guntakal and onwards to Dadar by 130 Bangalore-Dadar Udyan Express.

Adverse impact in the Population Control

348. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been adverse impact in the population growth rate in some of the States during the year 1987-88;

(b) if so, which are the States which have shown an increase in the population growth rate during the year 1987-88; and

(c) what are the reasons for such a trend; and what steps are proposed to be taken to correct this growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMAR SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Natural Growth Rate of population is obtained as difference between Birth and Death rates, the estimates for which are available from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India on Calender year basis. Estimates for the year 1987 for the States are expected to be available within one year.

Use of Telugu Language for flight information at the airports in A.P.

349. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that announcements regarding the arrival, departure and other details of flight information in Telugu language in Airports like Hyderabad has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to have this facility made available in all the Airports located in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As a matter of policy the ground announcements are made by Indian Airlines in Telugu language besides English and Hindi at all the airports in Andhra Pradesh. On very rare occassions, it is not possible to make such announcements in Telugu due to non-availability of fluent Telugu speaking staff.

Demands made by Delhi University Teachers Association

350. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main demands of Delhi University Teachers' Association

(DUTA) sbmitted to Government some time back;

(b) what is Government's response thereto;

(c) whether the DUTA leadership has been invited for detailed discussions thereon; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the outcome of such deliberations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) has been demanding that the old Merit Promotion Scheme should be continued with the new pay scales. The Government had expressed its inability to accept this demand.

(c) and (d) Representatives of the DUTA met the Minister of Human Resource Development on April 13, 1988. At this meeting, the following points were discussed:

(1) All teachers appointed before 2-1-1988 must be given the option of continuing in the 1983 Merit Promotion Scheme or the 1987 Career Advancement Scheme with the same emoluments.

(2) The pay scales of Directors of Physical Education and Librarians must be revised without any further delay.

(3) Professors' Grade must be introduced in Colleges.

(4) In-service, Ph.Ds./M.Phils. must be given incentives.

(5) Pay scales of teachers in University College of Medical Sciences should be rationalised.

(6) Te present Medical Scheme for teachers which is totally inadequate should be reviewed.

(7) The provision for sanctioning loans for purcase of houses and vehicles should be increased.

(8) Teachers should be provided conveyance allowance/Professional allowance (for purchase of books etc.)

(9) Proper facilities must be created in colleges for academic work.

During the discussions it was explained that the continuance of the old Merit Promotion Scheme with the new pay scales was not possible. Proposals for revision of pay scales of Librarians and DPEs, and introduction of Professors' Grade in colleges, are under consideration. On other matters, the representatives of the DUTA were advised to submit detailed suggestions so that these could be considered for implementation subject to availability of resources.

Buildings at Ross Island in Andaman and Nicobar

351. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some old buildings at Ross Island in Andaman and Nicobar are crumbling because of disuse and total neglect;

(b) whether Government propose to restore the same so as to preserve the history made there of which these buildings are part of; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to